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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

2919 Yale Avenue

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 2919 Yale Avenue, Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 3:58 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood-frame residential duplex. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Ten (10) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-six (26) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. Till was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 4:10 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Both units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$5,000.00 structure and \$1,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical malfunction in the utility box on the exterior of the home. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

The Memphis **Fire** Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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